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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 18, 2005, Applicants submit an executed inventors' Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.63 and request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Entry of a substitute Sequence Listing is requested on page 2.

The claims are presented on pages 3-7.

Claims 1-6, 7-10, 12-15 and 18-21 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 8.